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## Pennsylvania's Small Grain Production

HARRISBURG, PA, September 30, 2010 - - Final estimates of Pennsylvania's 2010 small grains indicate that production of oat and winter wheat are below the levels of a year ago and barley production remains unchanged, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Oat yield was estimated at 59 bushels per acre, down 2 bushels per acre from last year. Acreage for harvest at 80,000, unchanged from last year, with the resulting production at 4.7 million bushels, 2 percent below last year. Barley yield was estimated at 75 bushels per acre, unchanged from last year. Barley acreage for harvest remained unchanged from last year at 45,000 acres, with the resulting production at 3.38 million bushels, the same as last year. Winter wheat yield was estimated at 59 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels per acre from last year. Acreage for harvest was 150,000, which was down 25,000 acres from a year ago. The resulting production, at 8.9 million bushels, was down 10 percent from last year.

At the United States level, oat production is estimated at a record low 81.9 million bushels, 6 percent below the August forecast and down 12 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 64.6 bushels per acre, down 1.7 bushels from the last forecast and down 2.9 bushels from the previous year. Compared with last year, yields decreased or stayed the same for most States, with the exception of Michigan, Texas, and several States in the Northwest. Harvested area, at 1.27 million acres, is 4 percent below August and 8 percent below last year. This is the smallest acreage harvested for grain on record, continuing a steady downward trend.

Barley production is estimated at 182 million bushels, down 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 20 percent below 2009. Average yield per acre, at 73.6 bushels, is up 1.3 bushels from August and 0.6 bushel from last year and is the highest yield on record since estimates began in 1866. Producers seeded 2.87 million acres in 2010, down 19 percent from last year. This is the lowest planted acreage on record. Harvested area, at 2.47 million acres, is down 3 percent from the August 1 forecast and down 21 percent from 2009, and the lowest level since 1882.

The 2010 winter wheat U.S. production totaled 1.49 billion bushels, down 3 percent from the August forecast and 3 percent below last year. The United States yield is 46.8 bushels per acre, up 2.6 bushels from the previous year and the fourth highest on record. Area harvested for grain is estimated at 31.7 million acres, down 1 percent from the last forecast and down 8 percent from the previous year.

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